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SUBJECT: Soviet Apprehension of US Personnel (U)

TO: Assistant Chief of Staff, G2
United States Army, Europe
APO 403, US Army
ATTENTION: G2CIPC

15 Nov 55

1. Reference is made to letter, this Headquarters, dated 23 November 1955, Subject and file as above.

2. Forwarded herewith are Agent Reports concerning alleged Americans being held by the Soviets in the USSR.

3. Source is Walter KORNAGEL, born 2 January 1928 in HANNOVER, Germany, a German national, presently residing at Number 91, LAUENSTEIN, Germany, a former prisoner of the Soviets in various prison camps in the USSR.

4. Source stated that in November 1953, while in the VORKUTA prison camp, he was informed by another prisoner that an alleged American, John HANSEN, was in the YAVAS prison camp. Source met HANSEN in the YAVAS prison camp in August 1955. Source gave the following description of HANSEN: HANSEN was born approximately 1923; place of birth unknown; approximately five foot six inches (5' 6") tall; weight; approximately one hundred and fifty-five (155) pounds; medium build; medium brown hair; grey eyes. HANSEN spoke English, German, and Russian, and his voice had a nasal tone.

5. In August 1954, while in VORKUTA, Source became acquainted with Johann BORMAN, who allegedly resided in the United States from 1928 to 1939. BORMAN was taken prisoner by the Russians in 1941 and has been in various prison camps since that time. Source described BORMAN as follows: BORMAN was born in approximately 1890 in RIGA, Latvia; five foot eight inches (5' 8") tall; weight: one hundred and fifty (150) pounds; medium build; white hair; blue eyes. BORMAN wore glasses for reading and writing.

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